



I WAS BORN INTO A WORLD

I was born into a world
Before recycling was a
thing, Before oil wars,
When the biggest world
Threat was nuclear.

The only extinct thing
Was the Dodo,
We consumed and junked.
Then we were told about
Droughts, and disappearing
Rainforests,
About melting ice caps.

And we fought Iraq
For a second time,
Like father like son;
We needed our oil
Because we didn't want
Those electric cars.

At one time there were
Huge monsters that
Walked where we walk,
Nature swallowed them easy.

Or maybe you believe
It all started with Adam and
Eve, But they too were kicked
From the garden
As are we,
With our poison beaches
Run down towns
And our atmosphere
That kills.

I write a poem
And preach to the converted.

We send out loud messages
To ourselves,
That our world is dying:
1984, Blade Runner,
Armageddon, The Road.
I've yet to read a book,
Or watch a film about a
future I'd like to live in.

Fortunately for me,
I'll die before the earth,
But I'd like a place for my
Computer chip self
To click and beep
In bright, clean happiness.

James Franco

Questions:

- What is the poem about?
- One group of verses contains a saying. Which one?
- Write your own free verses (5 verses minimum) about climate change.